

We Gather

Instructions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are rubrics from the Book of Common Prayer. Any person who is unable to stand or kneel is welcome to sit for any part of the service regardless of the printed instruction. Please feel comfortable using any posture you wish.

Gathering Hymn: Come, Now is the Time to Worship Please stand & sing as you are able.

Collect For Purity

Fr. Chris: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets

are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Fr. Chris: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Youth: As we gather together

People: Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

Youth: As we put aside the things that distract us Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

Youth: As we leave behind the things that worry us People: Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

Youth: As we forget about ourselves

People: Lord, help us to concentrate on you.
Youth: As we worship you with songs of praise Lord, help us to concentrate on you.
Youth: As we listen to stories from your Word Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

Youth: As we hear your teaching

People: Lord, help us to concentrate on you.

Fr. Chris: Jesus, we are gathered because you taught us how to be children of God. By your

Holy Spirit, nurture us as your people of the Resurrection. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria Please remain standing.

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Youth: God be with you. People: And also with you.

Youth: Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and

pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Text for the scripture selections was taken from the following source: *God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children by Lyn Zill Briggs (NRSV)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

The people are seated.

Youth: A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

I bought the field from my cousin, gave him money for it, and took the deed of purchase to Baruch. With many witnesses I told Baruch to take the deeds and put

them in a safe place, because they would need to last for a long time. God himself said that we will be in this land a long time, so we might as well start buying houses and fields and vineyards and settle down.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16*

Youth: God is a shelter where we can hide from the storm, the shadow where we can be safe

from the hot sun. Here's what I say: "God, I know I can always trust you. I run to you

and grab on to you when I need you.

People: When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

Youth: If you run to God, and actually live with God all around you, nothing bad can happen to

you. God will assign angels to you, to follow you, to keep you close. They will hold you

in their arms and watch your back.

People: When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

Youth: Nothing can hurt you—not lions, not snakes. In fact, lions and snakes will be scared of

you! God will say: "I will protect that one there, because I know he loves me. I will rescue him from trouble, because he knows my name and knows how to use it. When he calls out my name, I will answer. I will be with him in trouble. I will bring him back to a place where he can be proud of himself, and not scared. I will reward him with a

good long life, and show him what real living is all about."

People: When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

Second Lesson: I Timothy 6:6-19*

Youth: A reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy.

We brought nothing into this world when we were born, and we can take nothing out of it with us when we die. Enough food and clothing should make us happy. If you want to be rich, though, it is very easy to fall into temptation and get trapped into things that can destroy you. The love of money is the cause of all kinds of evil. Some rich people forget about their faith and sometimes cause themselves no end of trouble.

Best to forget pursuing lots of money. Instead go after faith and love, endurance and gentleness. It's a fight for sure, but it's a good fight. Grip eternal life, because that's what God has called you to and what you have made known to your friends. Keep God's commandments until Jesus Christ returns in God's time. Right now he is surrounded by an unapproachable light, which no one has ever seen. He is Lord of all lords, and we praise him. If you know people who are rich, tell them not to trust in their riches, because wealth is uncertain. And tell them not to think too much of themselves, just because they have money. Instead they should rely on God, who provides us with everything that we need. Rich people can do good and be rich in good works and generous. If they can do that, they will have a great foundation for the future and be able to embrace life that is really life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: I Will Follow You Please stand & sing as you are able.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31* Please remain standing.

Youth: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Youth: Jesus told a story about a rich man who loved to wear fancy purple clothes and eat lots

of great food. Right outside his door was a poor man named Lazarus, who was covered with sores that never healed. The dogs would even come and lick his sores.

Lazarus would have been happy to eat whatever fell off the rich man's table. The poor man died and was carried by the angels and placed in the arms of Father Abraham. The rich man died and was buried. His soul went into torment, and he was really tormented when he looked up and saw Abraham holding Lazarus in his arms. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus with a drop of water on his finger to come and cool my tongue with it. I am in agony." Abraham said, "You received good things in your lifetime, and Lazarus had nothing but misery when he was alive. How ironic that now he is in comfort and you are the one in agony. It's too late."

"Then, I beg you to send him to warn my brothers so they won't end up here." Abraham said, "They have warning enough. They should listen to Moses and the prophets." "I know they won't listen," said the rich man. "But if someone from the dead comes, I bet they'll listen and change their ways." Abraham said, "If they ignore Moses and the prophets, no one from the dead will convince them either."

Youth: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Grace Youth Please be seated.

We Pray

Nicene Creed Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Youth: Let's join together in prayer. Loving God, open our hearts and minds that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit. God our creator, our ground of being, our counselor and companion.

Youth: Let us take a moment to tell God "thank you" for all the good things that happen in our

lives. Are there any special things we are grateful for? (Pause)

People: We thank you for the blessings of life, for those dear to us, especially Ron,

William, Norma, Pat, David, and for all who have helped and influenced us.

Youth: We say, "Thank you so much, Lord."

People: Thank you so much, Lord.

Youth: Let us pray for those people or animals who are sick, especially...

People: James & Shirley, John & Sharon, Holly & family, Johnson family, Ronnie, Larry,

Alissa, Madi, Julio, Niko, Natalie, Danita, Bob, Fred, Nancy, Thomas, Ami, Darren, Andy, Ranae, Aniesha, Ray, Mike, Steve, the families experiencing loss because of the recent violence, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, those impacted by hurricanes Fiona and Ian, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God; and those who have

died, (especially...) (Pause)

Youth: We say, "God is with them."

People: God is with them.

Youth: Let us pray for people or situations that concern or worry us. (Pause) We pray for the

church, especially...

People: St. Martin's, Pryor; St. Paul's, Claremore; Posada de Belén, shelter for children

living on the street, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Minnesota; Diocese of

Montana; Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Youth: We pray for our Ugandan high school students, and imagine communities of faith

where each person and group are free to use their gifts and talents and to share in all the benefits of human life and work; where each person, culture and nation will make a

different earth of justice and peace.

We pray for our leaders and those who make decisions about the resources of the

earth and its peoples, especially...

People: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy;

Alex & Pat, our wardens; vestry and delegates; all who minister in Christ; all the holy people of God; Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon,

our Mayor.

Youth: that decisions be made with all due care and responsibility; that we may know a world

where we each belong together. We say, "Help us Lord, we trust in you."

People: Help us Lord, we trust in you.

Youth: Heavenly Father, we pray for your blessing and guidance in all of these things. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Fr. Chris: What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the

Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts

to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Silence is observed.

Youth: O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess

that we have sinned:

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Youth: For all the times we make you feel sad...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For the times when we lie and cheat...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For the times when we are angry and grumpy...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For the times when we are rude or naughty...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For the times when we deliberately disobey...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For the times when we are selfish or unkind...

People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: For all the wrong things we do...
People: We want to say sorry, Lord!

Youth: We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy:

People: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a

morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fr. Chris: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal

life. Amen

Please stand as you are able.

Fr. Chris: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you in our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in the world, and we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us at this time.

Fr. Chris: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to

God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Music: My Life is an Offering Please remain seated.

Doxology: #380 v. 3Please stand & sing as you are able.

We Share the Meal

Please remain standing.

Fr. Chris: The Lord is with you.

People: The Lord is also with you.

Fr. Chris: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Fr. Chris: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Fr. Chris: We praise you and we bless you. holy and gracious God. source of wisdom, light, and

hope.

People: Lord you are holy. You are a God of power. Your glory is everywhere. Hosanna!

Fr. Chris: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death. Jesus gathered his friends,

he took the bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to his friends and said:

People: "This is my body. Whenever you eat this, do this in remembrance of me."

Fr. Chris: Then Jesus took the cup filled with wine. raised it up and gave thanks for it, shared it

with his friends and said:

People: "This is my blood. Whenever you drink this, do this in remembrance of me."

Fr. Chris: We offer you these gifts,

People: Jesus, the bread of life. Jesus, the cup of salvation.

Fr. Chris: Jesus Christ has died.
People: Jesus Christ has died.
Fr. Chris: Jesus Christ has risen.
People: Jesus Christ has risen.

Fr. Chris: Jesus Christ will come again. People: Jesus Christ will come again.

Fr. Chris: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.

People: Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son.

Fr. Chris: And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and

goodness. AMEN!

Lord's Prayer

(Sung in Call and Response format)

Fr. Chris: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Fr. Chris & People: Our Father, (Our Father,)

who art in heaven, (who art in heaven,)
hallowed be thy Name, (hallowed be thy Name,)

thy kingdom come, (thy kingdom come,) thy will be done, (thy will be done,)

on earth
as in heaven.

Please give us
All that we need
And forgive us
All our sins,

(on earth)
(as in heaven.)

(Please give us)
(All that we need)
(And forgive us)
(All our sins,)

as we forgive (as we forgive)
those who harm us.
And lead us not (And lead us not)
Away from you.

(As we forgive)
(those who harm us.)
(And lead us not)
(Away from you.)

Away from you, (Away from you,) but deliver us (but deliver us) from all evil. (from all evil.)

Hallowed be thy name. (Hallowed be thy name.)

For thine is (For thine is)
the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
(For thine is)
(the kingdom,)
(and the power,)
(and the glory,)

for ever. (for ever.) Alleluia. (Alleluia.)

Hallowed be thy name. (Hallowed be thy name.)
Hallowed be thy name. (Hallowed be thy name.)

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Arranged by: John Michael Talbot

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

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Communion Anthem: O Come to the Altar by Wade Joye, Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, & Steven Furtick

We Go Into the World

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Fr. Chris: Let us pray.

Fr. Chris & People:

Gracious God, giver of every good gift, you have taught us throughout the Bible that we are to care for the widow, the orphan, the sick, the needy and the stranger in our land. Yet, despite our abundance, much of the world does not have enough water, food or medicine. Despite our security, much of the world does not have peace and lives in fear and poverty. You fill us with good things that remind us we are loved. Give us the courage we need to take better care of our neighbors. Give us the courage to accept that you give us everything we need to love in your name so that your healing will be manifest in our community and in the world. We pray for your spirit to change our hearts and turn us towards your light. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Blessing

Fr. Chris: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you

and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Recessional: May the Peoples Praise You Please stand and sing.

Dismissal

Fr. Chris: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'it's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

-Rev. Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers)



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